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The NEWS in Missouri Family and Consumer Sciences Education

From the Director

Teacher Shortages

by Cynthia K. Arendt

*Who will
replace you?*



"Several times a week the American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences (AAFCS) staff receive phone calls about the shortage of family and consumer sciences educators."

This was the opening sentence of the article, "Addressing the Critical Shortage of FACS Educators," published in the Nov./Dec. 2000, *Techniques*. Unfortunately, this scenario goes on in almost every state office and college of education that prepares family and consumer sciences educators.

According to data provided by AAFCS, there were 281 family and consumer sciences preservice teacher education programs in 1984. By 1986, the number had declined to 261, by 1992, the number was 211, and by 1995, there were 171 preservice programs being reported. This is a decrease in programs of 40 percent during an eleven-year period. Fortunately, the decline is **not** due to the lack of interest by students to enroll in family and consumer sciences classes at the high school level. While there are several things that contribute to the shortages, it seems to be more a function of

the perception of the profession and a shortage of all teachers.

An article in the Winter 2000 issue of the *FCCLA Advisor*, "Promising Prospects, Critical Shortage," also addressed the critical shortage of Family and Consumer Sciences teachers. The national demand is four times the supply of undergraduates preparing to enter the field.

The expression, "misery loves company" comes to mind when we look at the total picture for the preparation of teachers. The 1999 data released by the National Center for Education Statistics finds the total number of degrees granted in education is down 17.8 percent from 1970-71. This means there are fewer teachers in all areas, not just Family and Consumer Sciences. It also means, those individuals who are considering teaching as a profession have a lot of options for selecting their teaching major. The trend for majors are the **Health Professions & Related Sciences** and **Business**. Education is definitely on a decline.

King appointed Commissioner of Education

Dr. D. Kent King was appointed Commissioner of Education on Sept. 22, 2000, by the Missouri State Board of Education. He replaces Robert E. Bartman who retired June 30, 2000.

Dr. King joined the Department in 1996 as coordinator of the Supervision Section. In 1999, he was appointed deputy commissioner. He has served as acting commissioner since July 1, 2000.

Before joining the Department, he served 19 years as superintendent of the Rolla Public Schools (1977-1996). He also was superintendent of the Licking School District (1971-1977). He began his career as an English teacher and principal in the Houston School District (1964-1970).

Dr. King and his wife, Sandy, reside in Rolla. They have three children and three grandchildren.

We wish Dr. King and his family the best in his new role!

	1970-71	1996-97	Loss/Gain	Percent
Education	270,014	222,061	- 47,953	-17.8%
Business	141,463	325,588	+184,125	+130.2%
Health Prof. & Related Sciences	124,261	331,441	+207,180	+295.2%

The shortage of teachers has been a topic of discussion by the MoEFACS Board and by the Missouri Teacher Educators as the number of programs within the state has dropped over the last 20 years. There is an escalating concern regarding the decreasing number of individuals entering the teaching profession. Another special concern is the retention of those prepared to teach Family and Consumer Sciences Education classes.

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In an attempt to address these concerns, the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education's Family and Consumer Sciences Section and the Family and Consumer Sciences Teacher Education Council joined forces to learn why individuals with certification are not in the classroom.

Dr. Cheryl A. Mimbs, PhD, family and consumer sciences teacher educator at Southwest Missouri State University, Springfield, was the principal investigator. Dr. Mimbs findings were reported in the Nov. 2000, *MASSP Messenger*, published by the Missouri Association of Secondary School

Principals. Following is some of the information from the article, "Why are Certified Teachers Not Teaching? Retention Implications."

In the spring of 2000, Dr. Mimbs mailed 449 surveys to individuals who have family and consumer sciences certificates, but according to DESE's Core Data, were believed **not** to be teaching. One hundred sixty one (35%) of these were returned for invalid addresses, 182 (63%) of the surveys with a valid address were returned. Of these, 59 percent were no longer teaching,

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State Board of Education Streamlines Requirements

by Janey Miller, Supervisor

In July the State Board of Education approved a series of important revisions in licensing requirements for teachers and other professional personnel in Missouri Public Schools that became effective **August 1, 2000**. The changes are intended to simplify existing procedures for many applicants and to help local school districts cope with a growing shortage of professional staff.

The most significant change in the new policies is a uniform requirement for all first-time applicants for Missouri certificates to undergo criminal background checks, including fingerprinting, through the FBI. Previously, this requirement applied only to educators who did not receive their training in Missouri.

The new regulations establish simpler procedures for issuing licenses to out-of state applicants. They also provide some added flexibility for "alternative certification" of persons who do not have formal training as teachers.

Key provisions of the new regulations affecting family and consumer sciences teaching applicants:

- All persons seeking a Missouri teaching certificate for the first time (including teachers, administrators and special service personnel) will be required to undergo a criminal background check before a license will be issued. This will include fingerprinting and a check through the FBI's national system.
- Educators who hold certificates from other states will be eligible for an initial Missouri license if they graduated from an approved institution and meet Missouri standards on required tests (such as the National Teacher Exam and the "Praxis II"). This change will simplify and accelerate the licensing process for most out-of-state applicants.
- Any person who has achieved certification through the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards will be eligible for a Missouri certificate in a related field. Currently, there are relatively few educators who hold "national board" certification.
- "Special assignment" certificates will give school districts more flexibility to hire non-educators for up to five percent of their instructional staff. This license is valid only in the school district where the certificate-holder is employed. It must be renewed annually, and it is valid for a maximum of three years. Special-assignment certificates allow school districts to deal with emergencies, foreign exchange teachers and other unique short-term situations.

For information regarding family and consumer sciences teacher certification for specific situations, contact Lynn Lucas in the Teacher Certification Section, Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, P.O. Box 480, Jefferson City, MO 65102-0480 (573-751-2496 or e-mail: llucas1@mail.dese.state.mo.us). ★

FACS: The Journey of a Lifetime



DESE Mission Statement

"Making a positive difference through education and service"

Family and Consumer Sciences Education

Vision Statement

"To empower individuals and families across the life span to manage the challenges of living and working in a diverse, global society. Our unique focus is on families, work and their interrelationships."

2001 Missouri ACTE/MoEFACS Summer Inservice Conference

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The Missouri Educators of Family and Consumer Sciences Board of Directors met in Jefferson City on October 22-23, 2000, to begin plans for the 2001 Summer Inservice Conference. The conference is scheduled for **July 24-26, 2001, in Springfield**. The Clarion Hotel, 3333 S. Glenstone, will again serve as headquarters for MoEFACS meetings and activities. MoEFACS and Missouri ACTE registration, exhibits, and Missouri ACTE general sessions will be held at the University Plaza Convention and Trade Centers. Additional program and registration information will be included in a forthcoming issue of the *Missouri ACTE Reporter* and the spring issue of the *NEWS*.

The annual inservice conference is held for family and consumer sciences educators at the middle, junior high, senior high, postsecondary and adult levels, and vocational teacher educators and administrators. Teachers with five-year renewable occupational certificates are required to attend three of five summer inservice conferences to maintain certification.

Call for Presenters

Do you have an innovative teaching or program idea you would like to share during the summer inservice conference or know of someone else who does? Opportunities for presentations during summer conference are available for family and consumer sciences educators through the **carousel (roundtable), concurrent session, and networking session** formats.

All formats will be offered on the conference program again this year.

The concurrent sessions are one-hour presentations, repeated twice, to be held 8:00-10:15 a.m., Wednesday morning, July 25. The networking session is a 45-minute session where teachers meet informally to share ideas and network with each other relative to pertinent family and consumer sciences education topics. The networking session will be held on Wednesday, July 25, from 2:45-3:30 p.m. The Carousel of Teaching Ideas will take place on Thursday morning, July 26, following the MoEFACS Closing General Session. Carousel presenters will give four 20-minute presentations from 10:00 a.m. to noon.

A presentation proposal form that can be completed for all session formats is available on the family and consumer sciences Web page. **Proposals are due to the state office by March 2, 2001.** For more information about any of the session formats, contact Debbie Pohl, 573-751-7965 or e-mail: dpohl@mail.dese.state.mo.us.

Call for Mentors

The MoEFACS Mentor Committee is asking for volunteers to serve as mentors to new or re-entering professionals. To be a mentor you must:

- Have attended a Missouri ACTE/MoEFACS Summer Conference within the last two years.
- Plan to attend the 2001 Missouri

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- REMINDER -

Deadline for Grants

- Improving the Quality of Child Care and Education Grants due April 2, 2001
- Family and Consumer Sciences Grants due April 30, 2001

ACTE/MoEFACS Summer Conference.

- Have taught in Missouri at least two years.
- Be willing to network and support a new or re-entering professional for the coming year.

A mentor Networking Luncheon and Program will be held on Tuesday, July 24, from 12:30 to 2:00 p.m. during the 2001 Missouri ACTE/MoEFACS Summer Conference. At that time you will meet the person you will mentor. If you are willing to serve as a mentor, complete the Mentor application form included on the family and consumer sciences Web page and return to: Jayla Smith, MoEFACS Mentor Committee Chair, 33029 Major Avenue, Jamesport, MO 64648 (e-mail: jayla@grm.net).

MoEFACS Awards

The MoEFACS Awards and Recognition Committee would like to announce the following awards for the 2000-2001 school year. These awards will be presented during the Missouri ACTE/MoEFACS Summer Conference. **Applications for all awards and recognition are available on the family and consumer sciences Web page. After completing, the forms should be sent to: Sara Gibb, MoEFACS Awards and Recognition Chair, 29804 E. Ryan Road, Blue Springs, MO 64014. All award applications are due May 15, 2001.**

• MoEFACS Recognition Award

The MoEFACS Recognition Award is an award given to recognize those outside the field of education for their meritorious contributions to the improvement, promotion, development and progress of Missouri family and consumer sciences education. Recipients can be individuals, businesses or organizations. Nominations must be made

by MoEFACS members.

To nominate a candidate for the award, the MoEFACS member must complete the enclosed form that includes a description of the nominee's contributions to the profession at the local, state or national level. Selection of recipients will be based primarily on this description. Letters of endorsement may be included with the application. The MoEFACS Awards and Recognition committee reserves the right not to make an award, if in its judgment, no worthy nominations are received.

• MoEFACS Legislative Recognition Award

New this year, the MoEFACS Legislative Recognition Award is given to recognize legislators for their meritorious contributions to the improvement, promotion, development and progress of Missouri Family and Consumer Sciences Education. Nominations must be made by MoEFACS members.

To nominate a candidate for this award, the MoEFACS member must complete the enclosed form which includes a description of the nominee's contributions to the profession at the local, state or national level. Selection of recipients will be based primarily on this description. Letters of endorsement may be included with the application. The MoEFACS Awards and Recognition Committee reserves the right not to make an award, if in its judgment, no worthy nominations are received.

• MoEFACS Teacher of the Year and MoEFACS New Professional Awards

Nominations are currently being accepted for the MoEFACS Teacher of the Year and the MoEFACS New Professional for 2000-2001. To be eligible for either award, teachers must currently be tri-level professional organization members of MoEFACS, ACTE and one national family and consumer sciences education affiliate such as

FCCLA Web sites

Missouri: <http://www.dese.state.mo.us/divvoted/FCCLA/>
National: www.fcclainc.org

NATFACS, NALSFACS or NAPAFACTS.

For the Teacher of the Year award, tri-level membership is required for the past five consecutive years and contributions and achievements on which the nomination is based should have been made within the past ten years. For the New Professional, tri-level membership is required for the past three consecutive years and the nominee must have taught a minimum of three years but no more than five. Nominees can be in their sixth year of teaching at the time of application. Nominees for both awards must have been involved in some capacity in Missouri ACTE/MoEFACS activities at local and/or state levels.

• **MoEFACS PRIDE Award**

The MoEFACS Awards and Recognition Committee would like to encourage each family and consumer sciences program to enhance the image of family and consumer sciences education by developing a public relations project for the 2000-2001 school year. Departments may submit projects to the committee for consideration for the

MoEFACS PRIDE (Public Relations in Developing Excellence) Award. A plaque will be presented to the winner during the MoEFACS Awards and Recognition Brunch. The winning application also will be submitted to NATFACS for consideration in the NATFACS PRIDE Award competition in the spring of 2002.

MoEFACS Retirees to be Recognized

The MoEFACS Awards and Recognition Committee is requesting the names of MoEFACS members who are retiring this year. These teachers will be recognized during the MoEFACS Awards and Recognition Brunch during the summer inservice conference. If you are a retiring member of MoEFACS or know of a member/teacher who is, complete the appropriate form found on the Family and Consumer Sciences Web page and return by June 1, 2001, to the MoEFACS Awards and Recognition Committee Chair. ★

Important Message!

We are Online!

Starting with this issue of the *NEWS*, inserts will no longer be included as part of the newsletter mailing. With the capability and availability of current Internet technology, we believe it is in the best interest to save valuable material and monetary resources by reducing the amount of paper and printing needed. Inserts referenced throughout the *NEWS* will now be available on the Department's Family and Consumer Sciences and Human Services Web page.

The various award forms and other inserts mentioned throughout this issue will be provided on the Web page in "PDF" format. Forms can be prepared online and downloaded to your local printer. **Forms cannot be submitted online.**

If you do not have access to the Internet or have difficulty accessing the documents, we will be glad to send you a hard copy. Contact Virginia Koenigsfeld by e-mail (vkoenigsfe@mail.dese.state.mo.us) with your request or call the state office at 573-751-2644. ★



PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

Missouri Teachers Lead the Way at ACTE

*by Dr. Bessie W. Hampton
2000-01 MoEFACS President,
Kansas City*



From left to right: Linda Rice, Bolivar; Cynthia Arendt, DESE; Joy Behrens, North Kansas City; Karen Mason, Granby; Linda Turner, Columbia; Betty White, Hallsville

The Missouri Educators of Family and Consumer Sciences were well represented at the recent ACTE conference in San Diego, Calif., Dec. 7-10. Twenty-five MoEFACS members were in attendance. **Joy Behrens**, North Kansas City; **Dr. Bessie Hampton**, Kansas City; and **Karen Mason**, Granby, represented Missouri ACTE during the Assembly of Delegates.

A number of MoEFACS members served in leadership capacities throughout the conference and/or will be serving in leadership capacities in their respective ACTE division affiliates in the coming year. **Linda Rice**, Bolivar, received the prestigious NATFACS Award of Merit for 1999-2000. Linda is president of the National Association of Teachers of Family and Consumer Sciences (NATFACS) for 2000-2001. During the conference, **Charlotte**

Guelbert-Gray, Wentzville, was elected NATFACS secretary for 2001-2002. **Dr. Cynthia Arendt**, director of Family and Consumer Sciences and Human Services for the Department of Elementary and Second-

ary Education is currently serving as president of the National Association of State Supervisors of Family and Consumer Sciences (NASAFACS) for 2000-2001.

Karen Mason, Granby, currently serves on the ACTE Public Relations committee and **Dr. Bessie Hampton**, Kansas City, is a member of the ACTE Diversity Action committee. During the conference, Dr. Hampton also participated in a panel presentation focusing on leadership among diverse populations at a meeting of the American Leadership Institute for Vocational Educators (ALIVE).

Linda Turner, Columbia, chaired the NATFACS registration committee for 2000-2001. She and other MoEFACS members serving on the committee brought a unique quality to the registration activities during the San Diego conference. Other MoEFACS members serving on this committee and assisting with NATFACS registration were: **Jeanne Jones**, Columbia; **Karen Mason**, Granby; **Marcia Northrup**, Lee's Summit; and **Lori Scanlon**, Columbia.

Others attending from Missouri included **Mary Avery**, **Beth Delano**, **Bettie Walker**, **Kathleen Cox**, St. Louis area; **Mary Beene**, **Judy Meikle**, **Mary Wills**, Kansas City area; **Pam Hanabury**, St. Joseph; and **Jean Grogan**, Salem. Make plans now to attend the meeting in New Orleans, La. in 2001. ★

Congratulations! Teacher of the Year Candidates

by Cynthia Arendt, Director

Congratulations to family and consumer sciences teachers, **Charlotte Guelbert-Gray**, Wentzville School District and **Colleen Liebhart**, Adair Co. R-II School District, Kirksville. These professionals were recognized as Missouri Teacher of the Year finalists.

Thirty-eight candidates were submitted for the 2000-2001 Teacher of the Year Program. The program is open to any full-time teacher (prekindergarten to grade 12) working in the Missouri Public Schools. The teacher must be nominated and selected by their school district.

The Department of Elementary and

Secondary Education conducts the state-level selection process, according to guidelines established by the National Teacher of the Year Program. The Boeing Company provides financial support for Missouri's program.

Two family and consumer sciences teachers have been selected as the Teacher of the Year, **Judy Whitner** (1988-89) and **Marcia J. Northrup** (1994-95). For more information contact Jean Cole, Teacher of the Year Coordinator, at 573-751-2661 or visit the Web site (www.dese.state.mo.us/divvoted/specvosvc/toy.index.html). ★

Monday, Feb. 26, 2001
**MoEFACS
Issues Session**

The MoEFACS Board of Directors will host again this year a one-day Family and Consumer Sciences Issues Session on **Monday, February 26, in Columbia**. The session will be held in conjunction with the board's annual spring planning meeting.

The issues session is open to all interested MoEFACS members and their administrators. This year's session will focus on A* Schools and Tech Prep Programs for family and consumer sciences educators and working with students with special needs in the family and consumer sciences classroom. Guest speakers are being planned for the program.

The session will be held at the Columbia Country Club, 2210 Country Club Drive, from 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. There is no fee to attend the session, but attendees will be responsible for their own travel and meal expenses. Continental breakfast and lunch will be available for purchase on-site.

Reservations are required and must be made no later than Wednesday, February 14. To make your reservation, contact Debbie Pohl at the state office at 573-751-7965 or by e-mail (dpohl@mail.dese.state.mo.us). ★

**MoEFACS
Scholarships
Available**

The MoEFACS Scholarship Committee is pleased to announce four \$1,000 scholarships available for students in Missouri high schools and postsecondary institutions. Scholarship applicants must either be a high school senior or a college sophomore or junior planning to pursue a degree in family and consumer sciences education.

Applications must include letters of reference; a resume; current transcript(s); a completed application form; and an essay, video, or pamphlet describing the applicant's experiences and ambitions related to the field of family and consumer sciences education. Applications can be obtained from Linda Rice, MoEFACS Scholarship Committee Chair, 4113 S. 135th Road, Bolivar, MO 65613, or can be accessed on the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education Family and Consumer Sciences and Human Services Web page at <http://www.dese.state.mo.us/divvoted/family/index.html>.

Postmark deadline for all applications is March 1, 2001. For more information contact Linda Rice by e-mail (linrice@ipa.net). ★

***A Farewell to
Dr. Rita L.
Youmans***

Dr. Rita L. Youmans, 84, Professor Emerita, Central Missouri State University, Warrensburg, Mo., passed away Nov. 25, 2000, in Rochester, Minn. Dr. Youmans received her bachelor's degree in education from Central Missouri State Teachers College (1937), her master's degree from Kansas State College (1945), and her doctorate from the University of Illinois-Urbana (1957).

Dr. Youmans' achievements and contributions to her profession are way too numerous to list. Some examples include being a college professor, administrator and department head in the College of Home Economics at Central Wisconsin State University, Stevens Point, the largest institution for preparing home economics teachers, and at the University of Wisconsin in Madison and Milwaukee. In 1962, she received the Distinguished Service Citation from Kansas State University; in 1971, the Distinguished Service Award from Central Missouri State University.

On May 9, 1995, at the age of 78, she married. She did not have to change her name because her husband, Dr. Charles V. Youmans, happened to share the same last name. He preceded her in death.

As chair of the Home Economics Department at Central Missouri State University (1973-1980), Dr. Youmans assisted in preparing many of the individuals who are currently teaching in Missouri. She was an inspiration to all who knew her. We say, *thank you!*

Memorial contributions are suggested to **Rita Youmans Scholarship Fund** or to **Consumer Services Management Project**, in her honor. Contributions may be sent to: Central Foundation, Smiser Alumni Center, Warrensburg, Mo. 64093-5150. ★

CURRICULUM NEWS

by Debbie Pohl, Supervisor

New Semester Courses and Resource Guides

Three statewide curriculum projects were approved and are currently in development for completion in the 2000-2001 school year. The projects include a new student competency list and accompanying curriculum resource guide for **Career Development/Entrepreneurship**, a new high school semester course; and, a new student competency list and an accompanying curriculum resource guide for **Career and Family Leadership**, a new high school comprehensive semester course. In addition to these two new courses, a newly revised student competency list and accompanying resource guide for the existing **Family/Consumer Resource Management**, a high school semester course is being developed. The curriculum resource guides for all three courses will be developed around the critical thinking/practical problem solving approach, emphasizing process skills and performance assessment. Projected completion date for all projects is August 2001. Depending on project completion time, inservice for teachers in using the curriculum resource guides will be provided at the summer inservice conference or through fall regional workshops. For more information about any of these projects, contact Debbie Pohl at the state office.



Fall Inservice Workshops

Over 450 family and consumer sciences educators attended fall regional inservice workshops offered by the Family and Consumer Sciences and Human Services staff of the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education. The workshops, held at six locations across the state in November, focused on the new *Implementation Handbook for Family and Consumer Sciences*.

The *Implementation Handbook for Family and Consumer Sciences* replaces the *Scope and Sequence for Vocational Family and Consumer Sciences Programs in Missouri, 1995*. Like "Scope and Sequence," the handbook includes program/course requirements and provides student competencies and cross-references to state and national standards for all courses in the Missouri family and consumer sciences curriculum. Along with these components, the handbook has been expanded to incorporate information and resources for all aspects of program development, implementation and evaluation.

The handbook also introduces the critical thinking/practical problem solving approach to curriculum development, instruction and assessment in the family and consumer sciences program, and provides tools to help develop and implement a standards-based curriculum. The handbook is an excellent tool to assist local districts in providing a quality, standards-based family and consumer sciences program.

One copy of the *Implementation Handbook for Family and Consumer Sciences* was provided free of charge to each district with an approved vocational family and consumer sciences program. These were distributed to teachers at the regional workshops. Those districts not represented at the workshops were mailed their copy in December.

Free Resources

The following posters and bookcovers are free, upon request, through the Missouri Division of Highway Safety. Three different designs are available in large quantities. The posters (12" x 25") and the bookcovers (14 1/2" x 22") may be ordered by calling 1-800-800-2358.

- Safety belts may prevent Alien abductions. Buckle up.
- It takes 3 seconds to buckle up. Dead is Forever.
- You think a zit is bad? Try a windshield. Buckle up.★

FAMILY, CAREER AND COMMUNITY LEADERS OF AMERICA NEWS

Affiliation Update

How many times can you affiliate throughout the year? Chapters can affiliate as many times as they need to, but there were four dates set as benchmark dates for affiliation.

November 1 was the first date set to ensure chapters received all their issues of *Teen Times*. December 20 was a postmark deadline date to have officer candidates and STAR Events participants affiliated. Chapters attending State Leadership Conference should have dues submitted by March 1. April 30 is the final date dues should be submitted for the school year.

Need another affiliation form? Additional forms can be requested via the national fax-on-demand service at 1-800-NFO-TOGO. The service is easy to use, just have your fax machine number handy when you call. Remember that your chapter will receive your Missouri membership pins after you affiliate!

STOP the Violence Update

Over 150 chapter members, advisors and school resource officers were in attendance for the Missouri STOP the Violence training, held Oct. 8-9 in Jefferson City. Participants learned about the STOP program – Students

Taking On Prevention, through a variety of activities and group work.

School teams developed action plans to utilize during this school year. The highlight of the training was the Blue Ribbon Panel of Experts. The panel members were:

Colonel Weldon Wilhoit, superintendent of the Missouri Highway Patrol; **Russell Thompson**, assistant director of the Missouri

Safe School Center, Kansas City; **Nicole Kreisel**, safety coordinator, Missouri School Boards Association; **Officer Greg White**, school resource officer, Jefferson City; and **Jennifer Horton**, morning news anchor, KRCG-TV, Jefferson City.



A big "thank you" goes to **Judy Whitener**, STOP coordinator from Farmington and **Cathy Woolfolk**, advisor from Troy, who assisted the student trainers, **Amber Buehler**, Zalma; **Chase Cornett**, Pattonsburg; and **Lauren Humphrey**, Troy, in planning and implementing an excellent training.

School Administrator Recognition Program

Without the support of school administrators, students could not take advantage of the many opportunities offered through Family, Career and Community Leaders of America. If your administrator shows outstanding support of FCCLA in your school, you might want to consider nominating him or her for the School Administrator Award. Two administrators will be recognized at the state level and their names will be forwarded to the national office for consideration of their award. Any FCCLA member, advisor or parent may nominate a school administrator.

Forms may be accessed from the state FCCLA Web site or by calling the state office. The deadline for submitting nominations to the state office is March 1.

Cluster Meetings

Cluster Meetings provide an excellent way to motivate chapter members and energize chapter advisors! The 2000 Cluster Meetings, "Capture the Moment," provided leadership training, excitement and fun for approximately 10,000 members at the four cluster meeting sites. Missouri had a total of 1,172 participants at three of the four sites:

- Albuquerque, New Mexico – 0
- Birmingham, Alabama – 21
- Kansas City, Missouri – 1,028
- Minneapolis, Minnesota – 123

Thanks to each of you who provided assistance at the Kansas City Cluster Meeting!

State Leadership Conference

Are you ready to “Conquer the Jungle?” This is the theme picked by the State Executive Council for the annual leadership conference. We will be having lots of fun with “safari sessions” and the jungle theme in general. Sessions for members and advisors will focus on exploring and conquering the jungle of life – through FCCLA, of course! Here’s some of the basic information you need to know before heading into the wild:

Dates: March 28-31, 2001

Location: Holiday Inn Select Hotel, Columbia

Conference Registration: \$40 per person

Leadership Unlimited Pre-conference:

\$10 per person

STAR Events Entry Fee: \$15 per person

All registrations received after March 1 will be subject to a \$10 per person additional charge.



All conference activities will be taking place at the Holiday Inn Select and the Expo Center. For housing, please fill out the forms included in the conference mailing. Remember to bring your recycling proceeds to contribute to the Ronald McDonald Houses of

Missouri, and also to bring canned or boxed food for the Central Missouri Food Bank Network. These are the two agencies benefiting from the 2001 “Dare to Care” projects.

All conference registration materials may be obtained on the Missouri FCCLA Web site.

National Leadership Meeting

The 2001 National Leadership Meeting will be held July 8-12 in Anaheim, Calif. Located just 30 miles from Los Angeles and 90 miles from San Diego, Anaheim is the center of California’s great attractions and beaches. The original Disneyland theme park, the new Disney’s California Adventure theme park, Knott’s Berry Farm, the Crystal Cathedral and the Richard Nixon Library and Birthplace are just some of the attractions in Anaheim.

But, this is only a very small part of the experience of attending a national meeting. National FCCLA is planning an exciting meeting that will include the introduction of the new community service program and the demonstration of two new STAR Events – Occupational Child Development and Career Investigation. There will also be continued emphasis on helping members identify and build their leadership skills through active involvement in programs and activities.



Information on the meeting was included in the State Leadership Conference mailing to all affiliated chapters in January. **Just a reminder**, all registration forms and the first deposit will be due by May 1. Final payment will be due on June 8. As the state office receives more specifics about this meeting, chapters will be notified by mail or through the Web site.

Legislative Shadowing Program

Missouri Family, Career and Community Leaders of America, with assistance of a grant from the American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences, as well as contributions from the Missouri Educators of Family and Consumers Sciences and the Missouri Association of Family and Consumer Sciences, will once again be sponsoring the FCCLA Legislative Shadowing Program, **May 1-2, 2001.**

By involving Missouri FCCLA members in the legislative shadowing project, members will expand their capabilities in understanding, interpreting and setting public policy focused on family, work and social issues related to building strong communities. Participants will see how the skills learned in family and consumer sciences, as well as those learned and refined in Family, Career and Community Leaders of America, serve to assist individu

Pam Lewis, Mourned

Pamela Lewis, family and consumer sciences teacher and FCCLA advisor at Sedalia Middle School, died Sunday, Jan. 21, 2001, from injuries sustained in an automobile accident on Saturday, Jan. 20 near Osceola.

She was a member of the MoEFACS Board during 1997-98 and 1999-2000 school years, serving on the registration committee. Pamela was elected MoEFACS Secretary during the 2000 MoEFACS Summer Conference in Springfield. She leaves a son, Cory, age 12.

Pamela's bright smile, energy and enthusiasm will be missed.

als as they become an advocate for family, career and community issues.

The objectives are as follows:

- Increase FCCLA member awareness of state government and the political process.
- Interpret the duties of elected officials or policy makers.
- Develop awareness of current issues, especially those relating to families.
- Explore career options within public service.
- Educate local chapters, school, and/or communities about the shadowing experience.

Only affiliated (paying regional, state and national dues) Missouri FCCLA mem-

bers who are in their junior or senior year of high school are eligible to apply. There is no limit on the number of applications submitted by a chapter. All applications must be postmarked on or before **Feb. 9, 2001**. Up to 50 members will be chosen for this program, ideally representing all of the 13 Missouri FCCLA regions. After the shadowing experience in Jefferson City, participants are expected to follow-up by completing activities to educate or inform their chapter, school and/or community about the project.

Any questions regarding this project should be directed to Christine Hollingsworth, state FCCLA advisor. ★

Director's Column (From page 2)

44 percent were teaching another subject and 16 percent were found to be teaching Family and Consumer Sciences.

Those no longer teaching reported the following:

- salary was too low
- not a rewarding profession
- they did not feel prepared
- they did not have the skills to work with today's youth

They also indicated the multiple extracurricular duties and club sponsorships assigned to them as new teachers and the lack of support for programs by administration. They reported a significant increase in the number of special needs students being placed in the elective family and consumer sciences classes and the lack of a paraprofessional to assist with these students. This particular issue has also been a concern of the MoEFACS Board. The board's efforts to date include sponsoring "Meeting the Challenges of Special Needs Students in the Classroom" as a part of the Fourth Annual Issues Session and also offered a pre-conference course last July, "Teaching Special Needs Students in Vocational Education."

Dr. Mimbs points out that the survey results indicate that higher salaries, mentor teachers, less extracurricular responsibilities for new teachers, and more support for serving special needs students might assist in bringing back or keeping teachers in the classroom. Out of the 151 individuals who were not teaching family and consumer sciences, 43 percent said they did not intend to teach family and consumer sciences education now or in the future. This number, added to the 161 persons who could not be contacted, means that 50 percent of individuals prepared to teach family and consumer sciences are not available for current or future jobs.

As Dr. Mimbs points out, the State of Missouri and every teacher preparation program in the state have invested a considerable amount of time and money in preparing these individuals to be teachers. If they do not remain in the classroom, this valuable resource has been lost.

In the next issue of the *NEWS*, we will explore some ideas for possible solutions. Meanwhile, remember you cannot retire until you replace yourself in the classroom! ★

Calendar of Events

JANUARY

- 28-29 State Executive Council Meeting, Jefferson City
- 28-29 State Leadership Conference mailing sent to chapters

FEBRUARY

- 1 Master Advisor and Advisor Mentor Application due to state
- 11-17 FCCLA Week
- 15 Regional Officer Screening results due to state office
- 20 Regional STAR Events results due to state office
- 25-26 MoEFACS Board Meeting and Issues Session, Columbia Country Club

MARCH

- 1 Affiliation deadline for participation in State Leadership Conference
- 1 State Leadership Conference registration due
- 1 Career Connection and Families First Award applications due to national headquarters
- 1 School Administrator Award applications due to state office
- 1 Quest for the Best applications due to national headquarters
- 1 Millennium Membership Honor Roll for Members and Advisors due to national headquarters
- 1 Deadline for the state office to receive FACTS Award application forms
- 1 Deadline for the state office to receive FCCLA Scholarship applications
- 1 Deadline for the state office to receive Community Service Award entry forms
- 1 Deadline for the state office to receive two (2) copies "Five Unit Recognition Application" (pp. 31-32) in the *Power of One* manual for students completing all five *Power of One* units
- 1 Leaders at Work/Outstanding Leader recognition and scholarship application due to national headquarters
- 1 Missouri Star Chapter application due
- 1 Most Active Chapter Award Application due to state office
- 28 State Executive Council and incoming officers pre-conference activities, Columbia
- 28 Leadership Unlimited pre-conference for 2001-02 regional officers
- 29-31 State Leadership Conference, Holiday Inn Select, Columbia

APRIL

- 27-28 Teacher Leader In-service, Sun Spree Holiday Inn, Lake Ozarks

MAY

- 1 Deadline for state office to receive confirmation/registration for National Leadership Meeting (*1st deposit due*)
- 1-2 Legislative Shadowing Project, Jefferson City

JUNE

- 8 Final payment due for National Leadership Meeting



*Other dates may be added throughout the year.
Contact the state office with any questions.*